FISCAL NOTE

SB 448 - HB 1646

February 24, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows the trial judge discretion to determine the reasonableness of costs associated with production of medical records in workers' compensation cases.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant

Estimate assumes:

- the state is exempt from discretionary costs except for the cost of a physician's oral deposition.
- local governments currently pay for the production of medical records and any increase in cost is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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